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Rural Telecom Service
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Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total number of mobile phone subscribers in the country, State/UT and operator-wise including BSNL and MTNL;

(b) whether a large number of villages particularly in backward areas of the country are yet to be provided with the mobile phone connectivity and if so, the details thereof including the number of such villages, State/UT-wise;

(c) whether the private telecom service providers are not launching mobile services in the backward areas and if so, the details thereof and the action taken by the Government in this regard along with the other steps taken by the Government to bring mobile services to the said areas;

(d) whether the Government has approved the long pending compensation for the BSNL for the deficit incurred in operating rural landline connections and if so, the details thereof including the source of the said compensation;

(e) whether the Indian Telegraph Rules, 1951 would be amended for the said compensation and if so, the details thereof; and

(f) whether the said subsidy would be utilized to establish more rural landline connections across the country and if so, the details thereof, State/UT-wise?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE (IC) OF THE MINISTRY OF COMMUNICATIONS &
MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF RAILWAYS
(SHRI MANOJ SINHA)

(a) The State/UT-wise and operator-wise details of mobile phone subscribers in the country is at Annexure-I.

(b) State-wise details of uncovered villages as per survey conducted in 2014 based on census 2011 may be seen at Annexure-II.

(c) The private Telecom Service Providers (TSP) are not launching mobile services in the backward areas. The government has taken up the following schemes to bring mobile services to the said areas:

? Left Wing Extremist (LWE) areas: Government has provided 2186 Mobile towers at locations, as identified by MHA (Ministry of Home Affairs), in 10 states in areas affected by Left Wing Extremism (LWE).
? North-East Region (NER): Government has approved the scheme to provide mobile connectivity to 8621 villages of NER included as part of Comprehensive Telecom Development Plan for NER.
? Islands: Schemes to connect 172 villages in Andaman and Nicobar Islands has been approved in December 2016.
(d) Yes. TRAI had recommended for continuation of support from Universal Service Obligation Fund (USOF) to BSNL for sustenance of rural wire line connections installed before 01.04.2002 w.e.f 18.07.2011. The amount of support for the first year of Rs. 1500 Crore has been paid to BSNL in FY 2013-14 and support of Rs. 1250 Crore has been approved for payment in 2016-17.

(e) Amendment to the Indian Telegraph Rules 1951 by way of gazette notification is under process.

(f) The subsidy support is for rural landline connections installed by BSNL prior to 01.04.2002.

Annexure-I
State/UT-wise and Operator-wise details of subscribers in the country (as on 31.12.2016)
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States/Circle BSNL MTNL Bharti Reliance Vodafore Tata Idea Aircel Telenor Sistema Quardant R-Jio
1 Andhra Pradesh 9820986 -- 25112612 3681215 7030425 4023233 17448973 2544880 5634582 -- -- 6356061
2 Assam 1417734 -- 6281027 1358951 3920440 -- 1293198 5663035 -- -- -- 979779
3 Bihar 4024249 -- 30102995 3269964 9706144 1477175 12040995 7436130 10138958 -- -- 4060254
4 Delhi -- 2327549 11366485 5815374 10516019 1687228 6368028 6731212 -- 699544 -- 5370396
5 Gujarat 4324899 -- 8754131 9925364 19750344 2584076 12850449 17063 8424971 155976 -- 5593057
6 Haryana 3578717 -- 3382750 1574039 5791557 2649113 5042697 3092 -- -- -- 1918855
7 Himachal Pradesh 1990138 -- 2932704 1580165 745499 52991 815885 1119545 -- -- -- 665843
8 Jammu & Kashmir 1471105 -- 3505002 949459 980533 -- 623267 2867502 -- -- -- 875883
9 Karnataka 6876305 -- 22001544 5218438 7911034 6749222 9630391 3365649 -- 853274 -- 4521864

10 Kerala 6886761 -- 4567433 1492938 7692872 1393031 11018971 378558 -- 261063 -- 2414402
11 Kolkata 856129 -- 4909018 4318179 5589894 2580243 2541949 4314664 -- 430489 -- 2603998
12 Madhya Pradesh 4745564 -- 13665329 9370161 6749495 4416062 23496338 20694 -- -- -- 4012836
13 Maharashtra 6445149 -- 13998508 4393692 18894289 5681044 25488200 2773255 8098638 -- -- 4994893
14 Mumbai -- 1298346 6164308 4707876 8983030 2758760 4428983 2970326 -- -- -- 3314694
15 North East 1647856 -- 4102960 368596 1606835 610574 3384813 -- -- -- 571525
16 Odisha 4807936 -- 10981096 2121470 4352964 1982403 2042172 4664702 -- -- -- 1841478
17 Punjab 4468872 -- 8408589 1712133 5260726 2483534 6609685 1151413 -- -- 2999158 3284526
18 Rajasthan 5126562 -- 20423230 5965929 12082927 1317865 8074084 6663523 -- 1625425 -- 3595620
19 Tamil Nadu 8885962 -- 18317695 5354554 16348225 4100347 6422898 21705386 -- 555764 -- 4846319
20 Uttar Pradesh (E) 10510884 -- 22524622 8380772 19716657 3600127 11778588 7158862 13718269 -- -- 4212075
21 Uttar Pradesh (W) 5325719 -- 8696883 5466988 11851566 3076434 15679475 844454 8454081 112436 -- 3697898
22 West Bengal 1776353 -- 15653684 3518673 19205455 364898 6212076 5096795 -- 1183642 -- 2425388
Total : 96787880 3625895 265852605 86544929 204686930 52977786 190517876 90875553 54469499 5877613 2999158 72157644
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Annexure-ll
State-wise list of Uncovered Villages as per survey conducted in 2014 based on census 2011
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Sr.No. Name of the State/UT Total number of inhabited villages No. of Uncovered Villages
1. Andhra Pradesh 16335 3812
2. Arunachal Pradesh 5258 2886
3. Assam 25372 2885
4. Bihar 39073 2534
5. Chhattisgarh 19567 4041
6. Goa 320 65
7. Gujarat 17843 1275
8. Haryana 6642 2
9. Himachal Pradesh 17882 2416
10. Jammu & Kashmir 6337 460
11. Jharkhand 29492 5949
12. Karnataka 27397 0
13. Kerala 1017 0
14. Madhya Pradesh 51929 5926
15. Maharashtra 40959 4792
16. Manipur 2515 610
17. Meghalaya 6459 2389
18. Mizoram 704 258
19. Nagaland 1400 137
20. Odisha 47675 10398
21. Punjab 12168 91
22. Rajasthan 43264 770
23. Sikkim 425 23
24. Tamil Nadu 15049 113
25. Telangana 10347 1009
26. Tripura 863 2
27. Uttar Pradesh 97814 266
28. Uttarakhand 15745 1876
29. West Bengal 37469 487
30. Andaman & Nicobar 684 190
31. Puducherry 0
32. Dadra & Nagar Haveli 5
33. Daman & Diu 1
34. Lakshadweep 1
TOTAL 597608 55669
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